

THE TOWNS AROUND.

BARNET.

At the meeting of the "Active Fire Co." of Barnet last Tuesday evening the following persons were admitted as new members: Harley Smith, Ed. Heath, Bert Holbrook, James Hall, J. S. Kenerson, Ralph Parker and Frank Shampany. Mr. Holbrook was elected assistant nozzlemaster, to take the place of John Shampany, Jr., who has gone to Lisbon.

Every one seemed to enjoy himself well at the sugar party given by the Y. P. S. C. E. last Tuesday evening. The picture gallery was very interesting to all. Over one hundred and seventy-five pictures of "old times" and early residents were shown. The potato race was exciting and laughable.

Jerry Abbott and Fred Gee have left the employment of the "Crystal Spring Bottling Co."

Andrew Guthrie of Melndoe has taken up the study of horology with A. S. Laughlin.

Miss Carey of Cambridge Junction has been stopping with her friend, Miss Ruth Welch, for a few days.

Miss Mabel Brock, who went to Washington a few weeks ago with the Globe party, and who has since been visiting her uncle, Edgar Stanley, in New York city, returned home last Tuesday afternoon.

John Stanhope, Jr., from Lisbon spent the Sabbath here, having returned from Lisbon.

The older residents of the town of Barnet will be interested in extracts from a clipping in a Chicago paper:

"During the week our church has suffered an almost irreparable loss in the death of our highly esteemed Deacon A. H. Somers, who passed away last Tuesday morning, March 16. Mr. Somers was born at Barnet, Vermont, on March 20, 1824, and was almost 73 years old at his death. Part of his youth was spent in Wells River and also Boston. He was married in 1852 to Miss Rosetta Giddings of Boston, this union being broken last summer after over 44 years of life together. Two sons survive him, also several brothers and sisters, one of whom, William Somers, is living in Chicago."

W. H. Burbank and Co., and Ritchie & Warden say, "One of Harless equals two 5c. cakes; 3c. back if it don't."

EAST BARNET.

The ladies' chapel society held a small sugar party in the chapel last Friday evening.

Jessie McGill is recovering from her recent serious illness.

The infant child of Clarence Kendall had a bad attack of croup last week and was also threatened with pneumonia.

Mrs. A. B. Norris of Rochester, N. Y., formerly of this place, died March 31, the remains being brought to Peacham for burial beside her husband and little son. Two sons survive Mrs. Norris, Bert L. and Arthur, who brought their mother's body to its final resting place. Mrs. Norris was a most estimable woman and devoted mother and her family will receive the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends here.

WEST BARNET.

If you want to get your horses' feet fixed up in good shape try H. A. Gray in the shop located by him of E. X. Somers and you will find as good a man as ever you found in West Barnet or know the reason why. Mr. Gray has had a long experience in shoeing and repairing, both in wood and iron. He can fix your farm implements and your team's carriages, both in good shape. And you will never be able to know just how good a workman he is until you try him yourself.

Miss Emma Ritchie returned to Wells last Monday to complete her senior year.

Mr. John Smith of Newbury visited relatives in this vicinity last week.

John Brock, who has been visiting his parents for several weeks, returned to Boston last Friday.

Mrs. Gammon of Lynn, Mass., formerly of this place, was the guest of friends and relatives in this village last week.

Owen Somers is at work in South Ryegate.

Mrs. Calhoun has been quite sick with the grip.

Rev. and Mrs. Brownell were suddenly called to Philadelphia by the death of Mrs. Brownell's mother, Mrs. Badger. She had been an invalid for some time, but her recovery was expected until very near the last. Mr. and Mrs. Brownell have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Henry Hall, who has been sick for several months, died at his home Sunday morning. He was born in Groton about 45 years ago and has always lived in this vicinity. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church at West Barnet and also superintendent of the Sunday School. The funeral services were held at the house on Tuesday and the large attendance and floral offerings testified to the high esteem in which Mr. Hall was held by all his acquaintances. He leaves a widow who will go to Massachusetts to reside with her sisters.

WEST BURKE.

Miss Myrtle and May Aldrich have been spending a few days with their sister Alice at Barton.

Mrs. D. R. Densmore has a sister from Massachusetts visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gee of Barnet visited Miss Nellie Thompson on Tuesday.

Mrs. Ida Goodell is in Boston purchasing her new spring millinery and fancy goods.

J. F. Ruggles has sold his house now occupied by Carl Gillilan to Charles Densmore.

Ernest Warren has purchased N. S. Colby's share in the blacksmith shop, owned by Colby & Warren.

The Epworth League had a sugar party at the Methodist vestry last week Thursday evening.

Dr. Davis' son, Gilbert of Lyndonville and his daughter Carrie, Mrs. Mitchell, of Newport, visited him Tuesday.

Mrs. Henry Powers is failing.

Resolutions on the Death of Mrs. Phebe Farr.
Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to visit us once more and remove from among us Sister Phebe Farr, widow of Commodore W. O. Farr,
Sister Farr was a charter member of our church and though her health was not perfect she met with us many times in the past few years, she has always kept up her interest in our church and her love for the work in which we work.

Resolved, That while we live in humble lodgings to His divine will we mourn the loss of a sister of whom we can say she hath done what she could.

Resolved, That as we drop her name from our roll call on earth we remember that we have another name added to the number that is gathering in by one on the other shore.

Resolved, That we extend our heart-felt sympathy to the children of our departed sister in their deep affliction; we express our hope that even so great a loss to them may be overruled for good by Him that doeth all things well.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our church, a copy sent to the bereaved children, a copy sent to the county papers for publication, also that our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days.

MARY E. ANGER,
ANNETTE SLADY,
CARRIE MOULTON.

EAST CABOT.

Mrs. Hattie Frazier and children of Barre are at E. H. Clark's.

Frank Walbridge and wife are guests of Silas Houghton.

Mrs. Sarah K. Clark is quite ill.

Mrs. F. R. Palmer has returned to her home after spending a few days with her father, H. N. Clark.

Mrs. Badger of Craftsbury is visiting at A. D. Duggan's.

Mrs. N. K. Abbott has been suffering from neuralgia but is now improving.

WEST CONCORD.

Mrs. William Brailly of Hartford is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Cobleigh.

Daniel Groat, a former resident of this town but now of Brattleboro, has been in town the past few days.

George Reed, who has been working in Groton during the winter, returned home last Thursday.

Walter Kellogg and family of St. Johnsbury have been visiting friends in town the past week.

Walter Douglas has moved from Miles Pond to his brother's, Mr. Douglas.

Miss Grace Taylor of St. Johnsbury is stopping with her sister, Mrs. C. H. Douglas.

Elmer Wadleigh, who is working for Mark Russell of St. Johnsbury, was in town over Sunday.

DANVILLE.

Charles Morse purchased a very fine pair of matched horses weighing 3,000 pounds at Marshfield last Saturday.

Daniel Lowell, a former citizen of Danville, died at Southern Pines, N. C., Monday, and his remains were brought here for interment Thursday.

Bazil McCasco has sold his farm to Charles McCasco.

Sidney Page of St. Johnsbury is spending the week in town.

Mrs. Emily Trussell went to Northfield, Minn., Wednesday, where she will be the guest of J. H. Nutting.

By mistake, last week's items stated that Harvey, infant son of Rev. F. E. Carrier, was dead. It should have been Harvey, infant son of Fred C. and Alice Carrier, aged about two years. They have the sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement.

J. E. Tinker has a very fine new regular with sweep second's hand and mercurial compensated pendulum. It will be a convenience to all who wish to know the exact time.

The selectmen met on Tuesday and laid out a fire district extending from the red school house to George Davis' and from Fred Stocker's to N. H. Page's. A meeting to organize and elect officers will be held at the town hall Thursday afternoon, April 15, at 1 o'clock. There should be a good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Burnham of Burlington were in town this week to attend the funeral of Daniel Lowell.

Gardner Celley has gone to Boston and Fred Ray of Calais has taken his place in Ed Badger's shop.

Mrs. Eliza Ayer of Haverhill, N. H., who has been spending the winter at John Carrier's returned to her home Wednesday.

The funeral of Mrs. Harriet Ingalls, widow of the late Frank C. Batchelder, was held on Tuesday at St. Johnsbury at the residence of her nephew, E. B. Ingalls. Rev. E. E. Carrier of Danville officiating. Mrs. Batchelder was born and lived in Danville the greater part of her life. She had a large heart, and her life was full of kind deeds to all in need. She was never happier than when contributing to the comfort and happiness of others, and thus she won a large circle of friends who mourn her death. Her remains were brought to Danville for burial.

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WEST DANVILLE.

J. Arthur Bessett, who has been working here for several months in the depot, has gone to Highgate to work.

E. P. Brickett, who had a severe attack of heart difficulty, is now able to go out of doors.

John Armstrong gave a sugar party to the village people on Saturday afternoon, which was largely attended, and the sugar disposed of accordingly.

John H. Clifford feasted about 40 of his friends on new sugar and honey Thursday afternoon.

Last Friday morning Eli H. B. Stone of Cabot Plain discovered his sugar house on fire, but it was soon put out with the aid of a hand pump. The damage was small.

D. C. Farrington and F. M. Aiken say, "One of Harless equals two 5c. cakes; 3c. back if it don't."

GREENSBORO.

James Simpson of Manchester, N. H., is visiting his brother, George Simpson, and his sister, Mrs. Herbert Gillis.

Hubert Gillis and his daughter are having the measles.

Sugar makers are rejoicing over a fine run of sap.

Mrs. Celestia Tiffany, wife of W. W. Tiffany, passed away on Wednesday. Mrs. Tiffany had been somewhat better in health for a year so as to move about the house in an invalid's chair, as a change from her bed, to which she had been confined for over twenty-five years from an incurable difficulty, which this winter has seemed to take on a different form and brought her life to its close. Mrs. Tiffany has been a patient sufferer, and displayed much Christian fortitude. The members of her family who survive her are a husband, one daughter, Mrs. Perkins, as well as the aged mother of Mr. Tiffany, Mrs. Macomber, who though over eighty years old is sprightly as a girl, and has long ministered to her son's wife.

LYNDONVILLE.

November 27, 1850—April 1, 1897. These dates mark the morning and

evening of the life of Milo M. Silsby, son of Hon. Levi and Susan Powers Silsby, born in Lunenburg and died in Jacksonville, Florida.

Like most Vermont boys, he was educated on the farm, and in the district school, a short period at Montpelier seminary completing the process, when he was still a mere boy. And then commenced necessarily the personal struggle for success. Serving for a short time as clerk in the store of D. & F. W. Silsby at Lyndonville, he then entered a larger field of activity by going to Boston in 1873, being employed in the Continental clothing house of Freedland, Loomis & Co., where he worked for ten years in such a manner as to justify the confidence of his employers.

In 1883 he commenced business for himself as a merchant tailor at 32 Cornhill, which he prosperously continued till 1894, since which time he has endeavored, by spending much time in Colorado and Florida, to strengthen a physical system weakened by sickness and an intense application to business. Mr. Silsby was peculiarly happy in his disposition, quiet and unassuming, but always light hearted and happy and very deep in his affections, he was domestic to such an extent as to make a happy exception to the rule. His home was the best place on earth to him, and its life as breathed out in the influence of his loved ones was a foretaste of the joys of heaven. Of strict integrity, he made business associates honor and respect him. By his purity of character and uprightness of purpose he gained and held the esteem of all who knew him; his selflessness he made the home and family ties very enduring. A patience that prevented all complaints and a great hope that cheered and sustained him to the last hours, helped to make his life a safe example. The fruits of such a life are to be found in the memory of those who came in touch with it and have been helped and uplifted by the contact. Such a life, however short, finds its true measurement in the words, "It was a success."

Mr. Silsby was a member of Elliott Congregational church, Newton, Mass. He was married September 11, 1879, to Miss Isabella J. Davis of Roxbury, Mass., who died after a happy married life of nearly nine years. June 11, 1890, he married Miss Rebecca W. Hyde of Brookline, Mass., who, most faithful in her loving ministrations in all his hours of suffering, now survives him. He also leaves an aged mother, one brother, F. W. Silsby of Lyndonville and five sisters, Mrs. F. D. Hale, Mrs. M. D. Bunker, Miss Jennie A. Silsby of Lunenburg, Mrs. E. C. Frost of Lyndonville and Mrs. Susie B. widow of Joseph W. Silsby, long favorably known in the business circles of Boston. A true and devoted husband, a cherished son, a kind and loving brother, a sympathizing friend, has passed from earthly toil to heavenly rest.

Funeral was held from Forest Hills Chapel, Boston, April 5, Rev. Dr. Rosen Thomas officiating. Music was furnished by the Ruggles Street quartette.

Milo M. Silsby, who went to Florida to spend the winter for his health, died in Jacksonville last Thursday. The remains were brought to Boston, several members of his family going from here Monday to attend his funeral, which was held at his home on Tuesday. The burial was at Forest Hills.

E. W. Wright closed his term of school at Guildhall last Friday and returned to his home in this place.

Mrs. Henry Warren is the latest victim of the grip.

Nearly all of those who went to Compton and Lincoln to work through the winter have returned home.

The Ladies' Aid met with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Phelps last Tuesday evening.

I. W. Stuart went to Chicago last week, where he is to engage in business. His wife expects to join him later on.

Mr. Vance's horse, "Jumbo," took it into his head to run away from the mill a few days ago, much to the surprise and amusement of all who saw him.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell will return and occupy their house this week.

Will Balch, taxidermist, shipped a large bear, also a rattlesnake to the St. Johnsbury museum last Monday.

Harry Day has sold his span of black horses to Elias Hurlbut.

MCINDOE FALLS.

Mrs. Harley Nelson is visiting in Ryegate. She expects to move to Bath soon, where Mr. Nelson has charge of the creamery.

Miss Emily Dewey spent a few days this week with friends at Wells River.

Thomas Martin had a very severe attack of hemorrhage of the stomach on Monday afternoon. His condition is now reported improved.

Bishop & VanDyke gave all the young girls a chance to eat all the maple sugar they wanted at their sugar house on Thursday of last week, and on Tuesday of this week the boys all went up. Mr. VanDyke also gave a sugar party at his sugar place on the Islandside farm Tuesday.

Miss Jennie Lipsie, who has been a guest of Mrs. Lawler's, returned to her home at Zeland, N. H., on Tuesday.

Miss A. M. Carr visited at Lyndonville recently.

George Payne was in Boston last week on business.

Mrs. Isaac Bridgman of Northampton, Mass., is with her mother, Mrs. J. C. Gleason, and will stay for a few months.

Mr. Whitcomb has moved his goods into the Cushing house and has gone to Lisbon for a few weeks. He expects to move from here soon.

The whist club met at H. B. Gordon's on Wednesday of last week.

Rev. Mr. Perrin of Berlin supplied the pulpit last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Elliot of the Vermont Bible society will present his cause next Sunday. There should be a full house as Mr. Elliot is quite a favorite, especially with the children.

Mrs. H. B. Gordon is at St. Johnsbury for a few weeks.

PASSUMPSIC.

The village schools begin April 19 with the same teachers as last fall.

Llewella Gould is spending a few days in Laconia, N. H., with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith, formerly of this place.

Mrs. C. C. Harvey has been quite sick with the grip but is now better. Mrs. Susan McGill is also on the sick list.

Elmer E. Symes and Maud Trotter were married Tuesday evening of this week. Mrs. Symes will continue with Mrs. Keith for the present and Mrs. Symes will board there.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parks and Mr. and Mrs. George Thayer and son all of Boston, were at Judge Park's last week, staying over Sunday. They came up in part to enjoy a good old fashioned sugaring off which they had not participated in for many years.

The Christian Endeavor society have renewed their pledge of last year, to give \$5 for the support of the church during the year. The pledge has been faithfully kept during the year past, and the society has given liberally in other directions as well.

PEACHAM.

A. G. Bickford died April first after a short illness, aged 72 years. He was an old resident of the town and was always active in all church matters and very much interested in all that pertained to the good of the town. He will be very much missed by all who knew him as he was a true friend and one who could always be relied upon.

Dr. Hazeltine was called to town Monday to attend the child of David Sargent who is quite sick.

Lester Hunt has moved to the Corner into Mrs. Williams' shop which is arranged for a tenement.

George Priest of Concord, N. H., came to town last week to spend a few days with friends.

Mrs. Frank Howard of Lisbon, N. H., is visiting her father, J. L. Hopkins.

Miss Lizzie Clark of this town who is attending college at South Hadley, has been elected delegate from the college to the National Y. W. C. A. which holds its annual meeting at Detroit, April 8-12.

A brother of Prof. Cambridge who is a teacher in Southboro, Mass., recently spent a few days in town.

At E. M. Taft's auction last week Wednesday cows brought from \$11 to \$50.

Prof. Charles Williams and wife of Amherst, Mass., are in town on a short vacation.

Sugar makers report a large run of sap for the last 10 days and are making nice sugar.

The sugar party at the academy last Friday evening was very well attended.

Miss Clara Holmes has returned from Whitefield where she has been spending the winter with her aunt, Mrs. Colran.

The remains of Mrs. Amos B. Norris of Rochester, N. Y., were brought here and buried one day last week. Her husband was formerly a resident of this town and is buried here.

Fred Stockland started for Boston last week Thursday, expecting to have work there this summer.

George Smart of St. Johnsbury has bought the Jones place. Price \$900.

Robert Steele has bought part of Charles Hutchinson's farm for the sum of \$1000.

Mrs. A. P. Renfrew, J. C. F. Richter and L. J. Albee say, "One of Harless equals two 5c. cakes; 3c. back if it don't."

RYEGATE.

Miss Lillian Morrison, who has been attending the Moody Institute at Northfield, Mass., returned home last Saturday.

M. H. Gibson's dairy was tested several weeks ago and ten cows found to be diseased with tuberculosis. These were slaughtered last week Thursday. A large number were present as it was a matter of considerable interest to all the farmers.

F. F. Gray has started out in the meat business. He will run his cart four days a week giving all a chance to be supplied with fresh meat.

Lloyd McLam and sister, Miss Anna, spent the Sabbath with their parents.

Last Sabbath, Rev. F. A. Collins gave the financial report of the congregation for the year: Congregation, \$1,628; S. S. \$231; L. M. S. \$131 and C. E. society, \$108. Average per member, \$14.54; average per member for missions, \$5.04.

The listers have begun their work calling people to account for what they have got.

The Juniors raised over six dollars at their social last week Thursday.

Jersey Hill creamery is making more butter at the present time than it has since its start.

The Brock boys have secured the services of Isabel Buchanan as housekeeper.

SOUTH RYEGATE.

A joint meeting of the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid and Ladies' Missionary societies was held Thursday afternoon with Mrs. John D. McAllister.

A Fast Day service will be held in the Presbyterian church Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

A movement is on foot to canvass the town in the interest of the Sunday School. The different officers of the town Sunday School organization are appointing the visitors and arranging the work.

The Junior Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church will hold a sugar social in the vestry next Thursday evening.

Jennie May Rhodes has gone to Ryegate Corner to assist her aunt during the summer.

Mrs. Batties of Woodsville, has opened a branch millinery establishment in the house of Mrs. Agnes Rhodes.

Frank Kittredge is now running the hotel, Mrs. Folsom having moved into the Park house.

ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER.

The Grammar school begins next Monday with the same teacher as last term. Miss Comstock. The Primary school will open a week from Monday if traveling is good.

M. D. Park and L. D. Stiles say, "One of Harless equals two 5c. cakes; 3c. back if it don't."

ST. JOHNSBURY EAST.

Mrs. G. W. Patterson gave a missionary birthday party Thursday evening at the parsonage.

Sugar parties are the order of the day just now. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wark invited friends from St. Johnsbury, Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cushman, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Knapp and several others have done their share in sweetening the community.

Sydney McCurdy of Andover, Mass., has been visiting friends in this vicinity. Ed. Smith has opened a boot and shoe repair shop in St. Johnsbury.

Miss Fidelia Fisher spent Sunday with friends in Danville.

Mrs. H. H. Moulton returns to Littleton to teach this spring.

Miss Carrie Griswold returned to her school in Vergennes Saturday.

W. A. Graham visited friends in Canada recently.

WALDEN.

D. S. Cox invited a large party to his sugar house Monday afternoon, and those that went were well repaid with the excellent sugar generously furnished them.

Jack Rogers was at home from Montpelier last week for a short visit.

Miss Mabel and Master Royden Chickering are visiting at John Whittier's.

The school commissioners have appointed Mrs. Wooster Stevens as superintendent of schools in town the coming year.

The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. Anna T. Ordway on Thursday afternoon.

The prayer meetings which have been held through the winter at "Walden Heights" and "Four Corners" will be discontinued until settled going.

George Moxam is sick with measles.

A Strong Snake Story.

The latest snake story comes from South Africa. It is recorded in The Transvaal, published in Cape Town, as cold fact, that in Sekukuland a native ran across a boa constrictor measuring about forty-seven feet, which had just swallowed a young koodoo buck, all except the horns. The horns stuck out on each side of the reptile's mouth. The native recognized the horns as those of a buck he owned and he ran and got sticks and pinned the serpent, which was dormant, to the ground. Then he got hold of the horns and pulled and twisted. He got the buck out inch by inch, until half its body showed, and then it came with a jerk, and the boy fell over on his back. Before he had time to think twice, the snake, relieved of his load of mutton, was upon him, and it seized his head in its mouth and in three minutes the native had taken the place of the buck, only he was all inside: there was nothing left out to pull on, even if a rescuer had come along. Having swallowed the boy the boa deliberately swung its head around and grabbing its tail swallowed eight feet of it, then closed the mouth and throat, down which the native had disappeared, and making escape absolutely impossible. The Transvaal vouches for the truth of the story.—[London Times.

First Small Boy—I wish I had that 6 cents back I spent for candy.

Second Small Boy—What would you do with it?